received regarding the plan of Al Qaeda operatives to blast some airports in the Southern part of the country.

(c) An alert was issued immediately by the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) to all agencies concerned at the airports in the country to take all precautionary measures to prevent any unfortunate incident.

Revision of fuel surcharges

1356. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to softening of crude oil prices in the international market, State owned oil companies have cut Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) prices by around 8 per cent;

(b) whether it is also a fact that most of the domestic carriers are charging fuel surcharge of between Rs.350 to 650 on every air ticket;

(c) whether it is also a fact that airline operator's are not passing on the benefit to consumers; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir. The average domestic ATF price has declined by about 8% from Rs.42300/ kilolitre in October, 2006 to Rs.38800/ kilolitre in November, 2006.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Domestic air fares are not regulated by the Government after the repeal of Air Corporation Act, 1953. Domestic airlines are free to charge air fares in their commercial judgement.

New terminal at Delhi airport

1357. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Government are working on construction of a new runway and new airport terminal at Delhi airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and